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SUBJECT: AMIN TELEGRAM TO LON NOL

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEGRAM WHICH GOU HAS ANNOUNCED GEN. AMIN SENT TO PRES. LON NOL AUG. 8.

2. QTE:

YOUR EXCELLENCY AND DEAR BROTHER,

YOU WILL RECALL MY MESSAGE DATED JULY THE THIRD, 1973 IN WHICH, AMONG OTHERS, I EMPHASIZED THE DANGERS TO YOUR COUNTRY AND INDEED THE WORLD OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN TROOPS AND THEIR BOMBINGS SUPPOSEDLY IN ASSISTANCE OF YOUR COUNTRY AGAINST YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. I GAVE YOU MY SINCERE AND BROTHERLY ADVICE THAT THEIR CONTINUED PRESENCE AND BOMBINGS ARE NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF YOUR COUNTRY AND THAT FOR THE GOOD OF YOUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD THAT BOMBINGS BE STOPPED FORTHWITH AND THE AMERICAN TROOPS REMOVED IMMEDIATELY. I FURTHER ADVISED THAT YOU SHOULD NEGOTIATE RECONCILIATION WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK QUICKLY AND PEACEFULLY IN A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING, LOVE, TRUST AND BROTHERHOOD. IN YOUR MESSAGE DATED THE SIXTH JULY, 1973, YOU TRIED TO JUSTIFY CONTINUED BOMBINGS. I HAVE NOW LEARNT WITH SHOCK AND GRIEF FROM REUTER ORIGINATING FROM WASHINGTON

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OF AUGUST THE SEVENTH THAT UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT BOMBED ONE OF

YOUR TOWNS ON AUGUST THE SIXTH DURING WHICH AT LEAST A HUNDRED INNOCENT CAMBODIAN PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND ANOTHER THREE HUNDRED INJURED IN A SO-CALLED ACCIDENTAL BOMBING. MAY I ON MY OWN BEHALF, THAT OF MY GOVERNMENT AND THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF UGANDA EXTEND TO YOU, YOUR GOVERNMENT AND ALL CAMBODIANS AND PARTICULARLY THE FAMILIES OF THE BEREAVED OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCIES. MAY GOD REST THE DECEASED IN PEACE. WE PRAY THAT GOD GIVES SPEEDY RECOVERY TO THE INJURED. THE AMERICANS HAVE TRIED TO EXONORATE THEMSELVES BY CALLING THE BOMBING ACCIDENTAL. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE SO-CALLED ACCIDENT IS MOST UNUSUAL AND COULD BE REPEATED SINCE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE AREA FOR SO LONG THAT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW IT SO WELL AS TO MAKE ACCIDENTAL BOMBINGS IMPOSSIBLE.

THESE KILLINGS OF YOUR INNOCENT PEOPLE BY FOREIGN TROOPS IS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF THE SINCERE FEARS WHICH I HELD AND STILL HOLD AND WHICH LED ME TO SENDING YOU MY BROTHERLY ADVICE. I AM AWARE THAT THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION IS UNDER OBLIGATION TO CUT OFF BOMBINGS IN YOUR COUNTRY BY AUGUST THE FIFTEENTH, 1973.

MY PERSONAL ADVICE WAS AND STILL IS THAT THESE TROOPS SHOULD LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY AND THAT YOU AND PRINCE SIHANOUK SHOULD SETTLE YOUR MISUNDERSTANDINGS QUICKLY AND PEACEFULLY IN BROTHERLY WAY AND IN THE SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. YOU AND I ARE AWARE THAT OUR BROTHER AND COLLEAGUE, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS AT THE MOMENT SO MANY PERSONAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE WATERGATE EPISODE, THE TEN MILLION DOLLARS ALLEGEDLY SPENT ON HIS PERSONAL HOUSES AND HIS VICE-PRESIDENT'S INVESTIGATIONS FOR POSSIBLE CRIMINAL OFFENCES. HE MAY NOT, THEREFORE, HAVE ENOUGH TIME AT THE MOMENT TO ATTEND TO DETAILS OF WHAT HIS TROOPS ARE DOING IN CAMBODIA. I HAVE GREAT SYMPATHY FOR HIM. I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE TO HIM. I WISH TO REMAIN MY BROTHER NIXON HOW I ADMIRE HIM VERY MUCH AND I HAVE THE GREATEST REGARDS AND RESPECT FOR HIM. HE HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB IN THE ATTAINMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING SUCH AS HIS VISITS TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND RUSSIAN AND CONSEQUENT ESTABLISHMENT OF CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND THOSE GREAT NATIONS. HIS ACHIEVEMENTS ARE COMMENDABLE AND OUTSTANDING. I APPEAL TO HIM THAT THE EXCELLENT WORK HE HAS SO FAR DONE FOR MANKIND SHOULD NOT BE GEGATED BY THE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TROOPS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA AND UNCLASSIFIED

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BOMBINGS IN YOUR COUNTRY AND ELSEWHERE ESPECIALLY WHERE INNOCENT LIVES ARE BEING LOST AND NATURAL RESOURCES DESPERATELY NEEDED BY THOSE COUNTRIES ARE ALSO BEING DESTROYED. AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPEATEDLY STATED, I AM A GREAT LOVER AND DEFENDER OF PEACE. I THEREFORE HAVE THE GREATEST HONOUR AND RESPECT FOR ANY BODY WHO IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN PEACE. I HAVE ALSO REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS MY SINCEREST WISH TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN UGANDA AND THE UNITED STATES AND TO

STRENGTHEN THEM EVEN FURTHER FOR THE BENEFIT OUR OUR TWO COUNTRIES. ON MY PART I AM DOING ALL I CAN TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. THIS MESSAGE WHICH IS COPIED TO MY BROTHER AND COLLEAGUE, PRESIDENT NIXON IS ANOTHER PRACTICAL EXAMPLE OF MY EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION. I SHOULD ADD THAT I HAVE EVEN INFORMED A NUMBER OF MY BROTHERS AND COLLEAGUES, OTHER HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENT OF O.A.U. HOW VERY ANXIOUS I AM THAT THE CORDIAL RELATIONS THAT EXISTED BETWEEN UGANDA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BE RESTORED AND STRENGTHENED.

ACCEPT YOUR EXCELLENCY AND DEAR BROTHER, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST REGARDS AND ESTEEM. UNQTE

3. COPIES OF ABOVE TELEGRAM REPORTEDLY SENT TO WHITE HOUSE AND TO PRINCE SIHANOUK.
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